

## DELTA TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL

### ADULT COED BY-LAWS

1. The current American Amateur Softball Association Official Guide of Recodified Fast and Slow Pitch Rules and this department's Adult Slow Pitch Softball By-Laws shall govern play along with the following modifications.
2. The ratio of male/female players in the game must be on a one to one basis. (5 male & 5 female players, 6 male & 6 female players if utilizing the "extra players" rule).
3. **A TEAM MAY START A GAME** - with a minimum of six (6) players. There must be a minimum of three (3) male and three (3) female players. Three (3) players of one sex may play with four (4) or five (5) players of the opposite sex. Teams must keep infield and outfield positions as balanced as possible.

Pitcher and catcher opposite sex  
Two (2) outfielders of opposite sex  
Two (2) infielders of opposite sex

Additional players beyond six (6) must be added as they arrive. The positions must be balanced. A team can never use more than five (5) male or five (5) female players unless they are starting the game with twelve (12) players (6 male and 6 female). For example a team could play with five (5) male and three (3) female players. The pitcher or catcher would have to be female. One (1) of the infielders and one (1) of the outfielders would have to be female.

Anytime there are either an odd number of players or the balance of male/female is not equal then there will be an out or outs in the batting order. The batting order must alternate. If there is an uneven number of players of one sex there will be an out substituted in the batting order.

4. The "extra players" rule may be utilized as per book rule with the following modification. A team must maintain a minimum of nine (9) players throughout the game. Failure to complete the game with a minimum of nine (9) players is forfeiture of the game. As by rule, a team must have a minimum of twelve (12) players (6 male, 6 female) present to start the game with "extra players". This rule may only be utilized if you start the game with twelve (12) players. A team cannot add eleventh and twelfth batting positions to their line-up once the game has begun.
5. If a player is removed from the batting order for any reason, (*not including Delta Blood Rule*) and the batting position is unable to be filled by a legal substitute, the vacant batting position shall be an automatic "out" each time that batting position is scheduled to bat.
6. If a player is removed from a base or the plate for any reason (*not including Delta Blood Rule*), and is unable to be replaced by a legal substitute, an immediate "out" will be declared in all cases.
7. You may substitute for your own sex under the A.S.A. rules of substitution and re-entry.
8. The batting order for all games shall alternate male/female or vise versa.
9. Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. EXCEPTION: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat.
10. This Department recommends that a male pitch for safety reasons.
11. No metal spikes, hard plastic or polyurethane spikes similar to metal sole and heel plate spikes or shoes with detachable cleats that screw on are allowed in coed play.